

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Henry: Portrait Of A Serial Killer Part 2

Other Known Title: Henry II: Portrait Of A Serial Killer

Medium: DVD

Director/Author: Chuck Parello

Producer/Publisher: Thomas J. Busch

Country of Origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.

Distributor: Arkles Entertainment Ltd

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 18 June 2008

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 800641

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Chapters Extras	
Feature:	Henry: Portrait Of A Serial Killer Part 2	84.45

Other timed components:	Copyright Warning / Force	
	Entertainment / Rating Notices	0.31
	H2: The Making Of A Madman	14.21
	Outtakes And Deleted Scenes	28.49
	Theatrical Trailer	1.49
Other components:	Audio Commentary	
Total running time:		130.15

Excisions: Excisions Recommended But Not Made

Reasons for excisions:

Three excisions are required to the feature. These are to remove sequences where characters use household items and accessible techniques to create large-scale fires on properties. The feature depicts arson in enough detail to provide instructional information that is likely to encourage imitation.

Summary of reasons for classification:

The DVD *Henry: Portrait Of A Serial Killer Part 2* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The DVD is a low-budget and exploitative drama about a serial killer. The title character Henry is an itinerant sociopath. He befriends a man who is an arsonist, and the two commit arsons and murder numerous people in cold blood without getting caught. Several sequences show the two using household items to create fires and explosions. The publication provides the viewer with simple techniques to set fires with fuses, in a manner that would be easy to imitate and extremely dangerous. The publication therefore depicts criminal acts in a manner that is likely to be injurious to the public good. Excisions were offered to remove these depictions but the distributor declined to make them.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that depict crimes in a harmful and instructional manner that is likely to encourage imitation.